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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Hideaki Hirai et al.

Application No.: 10/086,442

Confirmation No.: 4020

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Art Unit: 2656

For: OPTICAL ELEMENT, OPTICAL PICKUP
UNIT, AND OPTICAL DISK DRIVE UNIT

Examiner: Nabil Z. Hindi

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request that a corrected Filing Receipt be issued in the above-identified patent application. The official Filing Receipt received by Applicants, a copy of which is attached hereto, has an error of omission of the third inventor's residence. The inventor and his residence should read as:

Hiroshi Akiyama Kanagawa, Japan

Applicants additionally request that all pertinent U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records relating to the subject application be changed to reflect this correction.

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Title

Optical element, optical pickup unit, and optical disk drive unit

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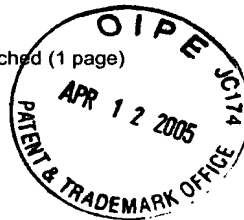
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Japanese Language Declaration (5 pages); Statement of Hiroshi Akiyama (1 page)
Written Consent of Assignee (1 page)
Request to Correct Inventorship by Adding Hiroshi Akiyama as an Inventor (1 page)
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**REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP BY ADDING HIROSHI AKIYAMA
AS AN INVENTOR**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that Hiroshi Akiyama be added as an inventor for the above-referenced U.S. patent application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 (a), please find enclosed the following items: 1) the present Request to Correct Inventorship; 2) a Statement of Hiroshi Akiyama that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on his part; 3) a Declaration and Assignment by the actual inventors as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63; 4) the PTO processing fee of \$130.00; and 5) the Written Consent of the Assignee to add Hiroshi Akiyama as an inventor. The Examiner's approval is respectfully solicited.

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STATEMENT OF HIROSHI AKIYAMA

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The above-referenced application originally named Hideaki Hirai and Shigeru Ohuchida as co-inventors. I, Hiroshi Akiyama, should be added as a co-inventor. The error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on my part.

* Hiroshi Akiyama
Hiroshi Akiyama

Date: * March 16, 2005



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